

deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; there be a period of morning business until 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; and that during morning business, Senator BYRD be recognized to speak for up to 60 minutes; that at 4 p.m. the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 19, S. 470, the Iraq legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we are waiting to hear word on a small business matter.

In the meantime, I notice that the Senate overwhelmingly passed H.R. 2, the minimum wage legislation. I congratulate the floor managers for their excellent work. I congratulate the Republican leader for working with us to get this important piece of legislation passed.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. On Monday, the Senate will conduct a rollcall vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 470 at 5:30, and that will be the first vote of the day.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXTENSION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION—Continued

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we have been in touch with Senator KERRY's office today—in fact, just this minute—and he does say there is some confusion in this regard. He has spoken to Senator SNOWE. Because of this confusion at this time, I have no alternative but to seek adoption of the unanimous consent request regarding the small business matter that I enunciated some time ago.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 229) was agreed to as, follows:

##### AMENDMENT NO. 229

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAMS UNDER THE SMALL BUSINESS ACT AND THE SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1 of the Act entitled “An Act to extend temporarily certain authorities of the Small Business Administration”, approved October 10, 2006 (Public Law 109-316; 120 Stat. 1742), is amended by striking “February 2, 2007” each place it appears and inserting “July 31, 2007”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on February 2, 2007.

The amendment (No. 230) was agreed to, as follows:

Amend the title to read as follows: “An Act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through July 31, 2007, and for other purposes”.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill (H.R. 434), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I appreciate the Republican leader bringing this to my attention. I personally will work on this tomorrow.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate today, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:43 p.m. adjourned until Monday, February 5, 2007, at 2 p.m.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Thursday, February 1, 2007:

##### UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

IRVING A. WILLIAMSON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 16, 2014.

DEAN A. PINKERT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2015.

##### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2013.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

##### THE JUDICIARY

LAWRENCE JOSEPH O'NEILL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

VALERIE L. BAKER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

GREGORY KENT FRIZZELL, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA.